

THE SUNDAY EVENING

Witt and Humor.

DRIVING CHARLES LAMB.—“Clergymen,” says Dr. Quincey, “told me of a ludicrous embarrassment which Lamb’s stammering caused him at Hastings. Lamb had been medically advised to a course of sea bathing; and accordingly, at the door of his bathing machine, whilst he stood shivering with cold, two stout fellows had held him, one of each shoulder, till the bather, with a decided effort, said for the word of command from their principal, who began the following oration to them:

“Hear me, men! Take notice of this; I am to be driven.”

What more he would have said is unknown to us; for he was soon taken into a restaurant city a few days since and made a hearty meal, toppling off with a piece of pie. The waiter, upon hearing, he found to be cold, and calling the Ethiopian waiter, who stood near, he said to him, “Take this pie to the fire and eat it.” His confection was great when Sambo walked to the stove and quietly devoured the pie.

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TAKE THE CASE.—A Justice of the Peace, in the Western country, recently delivered the following “charge” to a jury of that ilk, in an action of replevin, brought for the recovery of a cattle beast. It is rather an “original effort.” In his way:

Conditions of the Jury.—This is an action of replevin, brought by — against —, for the purpose of obtaining the canal boat Ocean Wave, No. 2, levied on by said —, as the property of —. I shall first charge you as to the rule of construing evidence, namely: If you have reason to believe that any one witness in this case has wilfully, maliciously, deliberately, and contrary to the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio, sworn to that which is false in any single instance, you are bound to believe that he has lied throughout.

Mr. —, for plaintiff, inquired: “What if he corroborated?”

The Court, with much dignity, replied: “Wait until I come down! And if you should find that the aforementioned witness is corroborated, or sustained in any particular, by any other witness, you are bound to believe that said last-named witness lies also, in every particular of his statement! I am also requested to charge you that you find fit verdict the value of the property at issue.”

After some deliberation, I have concluded not to do that, but will simply say, if you find, in your finding, whatever at that time you may find, in your finding, that you have found —, on the other hand, gentlemen, if you find, in your finding, that you have not found —, you will not have found — in your finding—what you ought to have found! Now, gentlemen, you have heard the testimony of the witness, the arguments of counsel, and my charge. Take the case.”

HOW THE IRISHMAN DISRESPECTED THE JEW.—A “real hard sinner,” a native of the Emerald Isle, went to confound the other day to his parish priest, and so shocked the clergyman with a recital of his sins, that he exclaimed—“My son! did you ever do a good deed in your life?” “I did,” said Pat. “I neared a Jew once.” “How was that?” inquired the confessor. “You see,” said Pat, “the long-necked, pert-aching, marching blaggard sat overboard, and I put after him outside a boat. I used him by the top—not just as he was going down the river. The Jew, and pulled his head above the surface, and says I, ‘If I save you, will you be a Christian?’ I ‘I won’t,’ says he, and with that I deposited the Jew about three feet under water again. Pulled him up once more, and put the question now. ‘Will you be a Christian?’ to which he again answered ‘No,’ gruffly. I gave him another dip and brought him up pulling like a porpoise. ‘Will you be a Christian now?’ says I. ‘Y-e-a,’ says he, and his teeth clattering for all the world like a monkey that had burst his toes.” “Well,” says I, “you are now converted, and you’d better be in the fold,” and so saying I held him under until his spirit had departed.”

A HARRY BOY.—At a school examination previous to the holiday, the master determined to give a finishing stroke to the proof of the proficiency of the scholars, as well as to give the parents and visitors a touch of his quality, as a superior professor of pedantry shows the copperplate style. Proposing and expounding the questions to his dear scholars, he concluded—“Now very grammatically, you will say—“The grand question and key to the art of writing—‘What’s the three first requisites of penmanship?’ A short headed up an orbicular grain, with a decided love to the vermillion, hurried to be distinguished as a prima donna, shrieked out, “Eminent, inglorious, divine, and dispossessible—“What’s that?” says the professor. “I, Bill Vickery,” Old Mr. Vickery, who was present, with a tear of pride at the achievement of his son Harry, exclaimed, “Well, Billie, when that, you must go to college and learn geography.”

A HARRY BOY.—One of my officials who is well known as a man of ability and wit, was once guilty of proposing the following.—Standing in the street one day conversing with Dr. E., who observed another physician to pass in his vicinity, accompanied by one of his patients who was fast recovering. “Well,” said Dr. E., “I never took a patient to ride in my life.” “No,” said our friend, “Sir, —, the torture always serves you the trouble.”—*Wretched Aspirations.*

“UP ON WOOD.”—An editor on Wood exhibited the other day, an interesting instance of almost total want of originality, saying from a single copy of one of his own papers, and heading it “Woodcock at Wood.”

A FOREIGN LOVE LETTER.—We take the following from an English paper—the fifth line fully printed:

“I. O. U.
I owe to the
I. O. U.
To the world and myself.”

I. O. U.
Always following me,
For I. O. U.
Bring back my boy!

So when I. O. U.,
My head shall tremble;
And I. O. U. chance it,
Be sure to kick it.”

L. M. THORNTON.

OPENED HIM TO THE LETTERS.—An Englishman of recent importation, dropped into a restaurant city a few days since and made a hearty meal, toppling off with a piece of pie. The waiter upon hearing, he found to be cold, and calling the Ethiopian waiter, who stood near, he said to him, “Take this pie to the fire and eat it.” His confection was great when Sambo walked to the stove and quietly devoured the pie.

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"I'll do it," said Blaile.

According to this programme the play proceeded up to a certain point, and then—but we will not anticipate. The next day a little after noon, Basil William presented himself at the front door of Mount Storn. Basil was in his best looks, if that could be said to be best which had never been good. But Hiles had re-paired his toilet. She had brushed his coat, varnished his boots, tied his cravat, combed and waded his stiff red hair, which she declared to be as sharp and prickly as fox-hair; and finally had smoothed his hat and set it on his head, given him his neatly cleaned and mended gloves, and turned him round about, cooched him right—*etc.*—and dismissed him.

And now Blaile stood knocking at the hall door of Mount Storn. He was admitted by old Pharaoh, who invited him into the drawing room, and said that he would call the interview. "No," faltered Blaile, "only Miss Theodore."

And while Pharaoh was gone to do his bidding, Blaile waited, thinking the minutes hours, and wondering at the unusual length of the twilight. And yet at last, Theodore entered too soon for his convenience. And he must have lost his self-possession to all manner of nervousness, but that when his eyes fell on the figure of his little lady-love, her delicate, spiritual beauty, and fluttering, crippled movement towards him, made him utterly forget himself, and think only of her; drew out his whole heart towards her in the tenderest compassion, with the yearning desire to shield and defend her from all possible harm, to surround her with such care and comfort as only such deep and pure affection as that which burned with his own heart for her could supply. And as he went to meet her, this warm, pure, unselfish love, gave something of grace to the outward, tragically sombre, and somewhat of melody to the coarse, rough voice, and some degree of free utterance to the hesitating mind. And when he led her to a seat, he stood half embracing the chair on which she rested, and asked when Dr. Throgmorton thought of leaving.

She answered, "On Wednesday week."

"And—Are you going with them, Dora?"

"I do not know. Nothing has been said about it."

"Oh! do not think of going, Dora. You never could bear either the long journey to Texas, or the rough life in that wild country. I came here this evening on purpose to beseech you not to think of going."

"Why, Basil!"

But he had sunk down by her side, as if however without the least distinction of tender reverence, to draw nearer to her; and half hugging and half embracing the chair that held her, with the natural eloquence that drew, strong, earnest, fervent feeling. Under the most untried nature, he poured forth the history of his love. He told her that before he had known her, he had never loved, and scarcely indeed had lived; that his life had been a mere round of work, food and sleep; and not much higher than that of the oxen that ploughed his fields. But that he had awakened his heart and his brain, and quickened a host of beautiful thoughts and affections, till all turned to her as their inseparable and their object.

The instructions of Hiles were quite forgotten, all art was forgotten, pure affection only was remembered, truth and nature only expressed. Theodore heard him in silence and in deep沉思, for every glowing word he breathed revealed still the hidden yearnings of her own soul and spirit. It was true that for that other she could never be anything deeper than the little friend and protege; yet, at least, she had never held a nearer relation than that to any one. But her love of her gentle heart, she comprehended the disinterested lover, whom she must soon destined to leave her presence, should bring disappointment with him. And yet how, should she speak the words that must give such great pain to one who perhaps loved her more than did any other in the whole world? She could find no language proper and graceful and soothing enough in which to couch her rejection. She dropped her head upon her bosom, and covered her face with her hands. But that did not prevent the tears revealing themselves by stealing through her fingers. Basil felt encouraged by her gentle emotion, and ceased to remove her hands. But immediately and reluctantly dropping them, she said,

"Dear Basil, I always loved you like a dear brother, and always shall. Please try to forget that you ever thought of me in any other light, and I shall forget what you have said."

There was a pause, interrupted at length by Basil, who, in a shaking voice, faltered,

"Be you mine, Theodore, that I have no hope—no hope of—of—"

"Yes, dear Basil, that is what I mean. I shall never change my—name, Basil, as it is not right. Indeed that I should."

"Why? Dearest Dora, why?"

Theodore raised her eyes in one expressive, mournful glance, that said more eloquently than words could have spoken.

"Out of my studio I am quite helpless," and dropped them again.

Basil understood, and hastened to assure her gently, fervently, that her helplessness did but bind him closer to her service, that all he wished to live for was to promote her comfort and happiness, and he was going on in the same strain, when Theodore gently raised her hand and stopped him.

"Don't, dear Basil. You cannot impossible prove life upon that of a poor invalid like me. No, I don't! I only wish because I must say no; but though it is said, painfully, falteringly, believe me it is a decision, irrevocable as it is when firmly sworn. Let us forget what has been said, and be brother and sister at last."

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The Friday, the 7th of March, were consigned to the flames at the churchwarden of Kingley, England, the mortal remains of the most eccentric individuals that ever lived. In fact, a parallel seems scarcely possible, of a man who had been a slave, a murderer, a fugitive, and a criminal for a period of forty-nine years.

The subject of the following remarks, who went by the cognomen of "OH THREEBEE," but whose real name was Wm. Sharp, lived at a place called "W" or "W" in Kingley, in the county of Lancashire, England. He was the son of a small farmer, and from an early age never showed much inclination to work. For a while he followed the trade of a weaver, but more frequently neglected his work, and, in his leisure hours, practised his gun, after shooting wild nights in the open air. When thirty years of age he took his bed, which he never left till carried thence on the day of his funeral.

Owing to his great age, and the very few of his own earnings which survive him, retaining so mere than a slight recollection of the events of that period, the cause of this extraordinary conduct is difficult to ascertain with any degree of certainty. But the principal reason would no doubt be want of money and disappointment.

The middle-aged character, then a young and doublet ardent lover, accompanied by a friend, went his way down to the parish church, where he paid his respects at the funeral of the bride of his love. The bride never came.

The father of the damsel sternly and sharply refused his consent. This combined, it may have been, with other grievances, imaginary and real, preyed heavily upon the heart of the young man, who, with more than average interest, and bearing numerous tell-tale traces of hereditary singularity, and the result was that the young man consigned himself to a small room, measuring about nine feet in every direction, with the intention of spending the remainder of his existence between the blankets, which he kept most unshockingly. The floor of this room was covered with stone flags, certainly not dry; in one corner stood a small unbroken window, through which the wind blew from one or two points of the compass; the window was permanently fastened, and where some of the squares had been broken, was carefully patched with wood. At the time of his death, he was about seventy years of age, and thirty-eight years past.

The sole furniture comprised of a picture of an antique clock, whose weight and pendulum, the hands and face of which were covered with a thick network of cobwebs; a small round table of dark wood, a chair, a trunk, and a box containing entirely without value.

In this dreary cell, this young man, who had

ADULTERATED LIQUOR.—The New Bedford Advertiser quotes from the "Daily Spy" of Boston: "Six persons have died in that city from the effects of liquor sold at cheap grocery shop."

John A. Washington has written a letter, which he was willing to sell to *Monsieur Verney* of Paris or the United States, but both declining to purchase, the property was not for sale.

A man named John T. Moore, who resided on the West Side of New York, and who had a large estate, was a well-known and popular figure. Like the Ericson he had an engine, but was found so much less effective than steam, that he was turned into a regular steam engine for the use of his house.

HABITUAL DRUNK.—The report of the N. Y. Homeopathic Dispensary gives the result of 754 cases treated at their infirmary by the physicians at the cost of only \$4.51 for medicine, though the prescriptions given amount to \$3,043.

Rev. G. Venable, pastor of the Wesleyan Church, New Haven, Conn., has been nominated for the pulpit of the First Congregational Church.

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The ladies of Charleston, S. C., have raised \$500 for the purpose of making a monument to the memory of John C. Calhoun.

DRUGS FOR BRINE.—The drugstore in Paris is now almost exclusively reserved for the wounded soldiers of the Crimean army.

ANOTHER WINE.—A new wine, often mentioned as being made from dead red wine, by the addition of a substance consisting of extract of cherry juice, Liqueur, grapes, burnt sugar, honey, blitter, almonds, and logwood.

NEW FARMER.—Fascinating news has been received from a country youth or farmer, who has the appearance of being partly crepe and partly Orleans cloth. To effect this, the warp of the fabric is made of woolen or other suitable yarn, and a sort of web is woven over the same, the different qualities of wool producing a different cloth in the same web. A great variety of fabrics may thus be produced in one web of cloth, for various uses, by the use of silkworm, silk, and various dyes.

DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.—The keepers of Boston, who had their liquor seized in Massachusetts under the prohibition law, and which was pronounced unconstitutional, are now seeking redress for damages. One recovered \$750.

ANDREW STATES THAT PROGRESS, although along in Southern Kentucky, was not made by the inhabitants of that region, previous to his arrival among them, about 1820. Before this time, when they were on the average as much in debt as in poverty, with those which made war in connection with the Indian savages.

LAWMAKES HAD NO TIME.—At the annual session for the temperance cause, held in the Columbia Hall, there were two tickets in nomination, one bore the names of gentlemen acknowledged to be friendly to Mr. Pierce, and the other those of Mr. Franklin, a candidate for the Presidency. Upon the latter ticket was the name of Major Dix. The former ticket was successful.—*New York Paper*.

MINNESOTA.—The Detroit, Mich., Tribune has reported the results of the recent election held in that State, which show that the Republicans have carried 23 counties, the Democrats 27, a majority of 4. Several of the counties now represented by the Republicans were formerly strongly Democratic.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Democrats and the "Americans" have both held their State Conventions in North Carolina. The former nominated George C. Bragg, and the latter J. A. Gilmer for the same office. The Democratic Convention expressed its preference for Franklin Pierce for President, and J. C. Dobbin for Vice President.

LEAVES FOR NEW YORK.—Sam Houston is out as an independent candidate for the Presidency. He repudiates all political canes and conventions, and announces as his platform—Opposition to the domestic and foreign policy of the present administration; a return to the principles of 1776, and a condemnation of no citizen without a hearing.

ONE FOR THE HORN.—The editor of the *Advertiser* of Erie, Pa., states that a mob assembled in front of the office of the newspaper, which had advocated the railroad interests and defended the action of the Pennsylvania Legislature in passing the bill to restore the charter of Erie and Port Huron Railroad Company. The mob was also threatening to destroy the railroad property.

MEXICO IS AGAIN PEACEFUL.—Tumacac, had but the country. It is said that the Archduke Ferdinand had been offered \$10,000,000 to help him to secure the forces accompanying the French troops, but the proposal was not accepted.

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